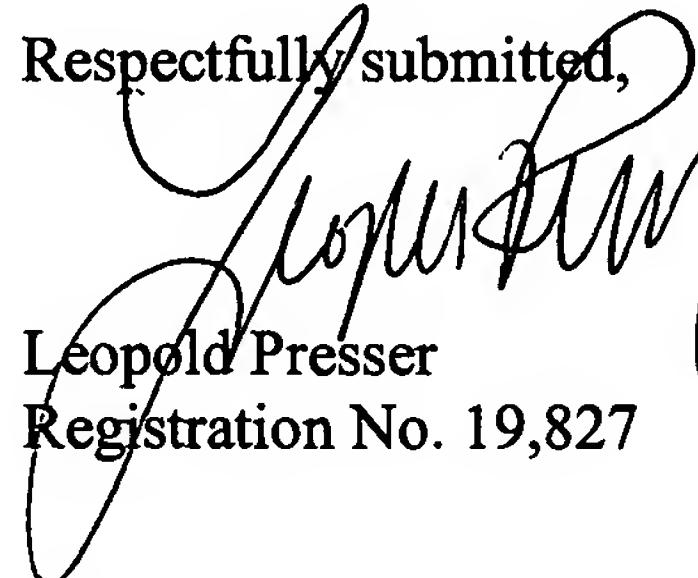


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the specification has been amended to include a cross-reference section. The claims have been amended to clarify the language and claim dependencies. Specifically, SEQ ID NOS: 16-27 are added as sequence identifiers to certain oligo primer sequences disclosed in Item 3 starting on page 8. The original SEQ ID NO: 8 contains peptide sequences, translated from 11 open reading frames (ORF) of the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1. Applicants now list these eleven sequences under eleven separate sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NOS: 8 and 28-37). The corresponding portions of the specification with respect to SEQ ID NO: 8 are also amended to reflect the changes. Support can be found in the specification, the bridging paragraph of pages 11-12 and original SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 8.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter. It is respectfully submitted that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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